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**NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY CELEBRATES 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
GETTYSBURG ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT LINCOLN**

*Hear Richard Lederer deliver this most memorable and memorized speech in U.S. history*

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will commemorate the *Sesquicentennial of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address* on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Reading Room of the New San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, located at 330 Park Blvd in downtown San Diego. Richard Lederer, *Union-Tribune* history quizmaster and language columnist will deliver and discuss the speech, and respond to questions about all matters historic and linguistic. This event is free and open to the public.

The Gettysburg Address is one of the best the best-known speeches in American history. It was delivered by Lincoln during the American Civil War, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, four and a half months after the Union armies defeated those of the Confederacy at the Battle of Gettysburg. Lincoln's carefully crafted address, secondary to other presentations that day, came to be regarded as one of the greatest speeches in American history. In just over two minutes, Lincoln reiterated the principles of human equality espoused by the Declaration of Independence and redefined the Civil War as a struggle not just for the Union but as one that would bring true equality to all of its citizens.

Richard Lederer is the author of more than 40 books about language, history, and humor, including his best-selling *Anguished English* series and his current books, *Presidential Trivia*, *American Trivia*, *Amazing Words*, and *Lederer on Language*. Dr. Lederer is a founding co-host of "A Way With Words" on KPBS and is a language columnist and history quizmaster for the *Union-Tribune*. He has been named International Punster of the Year and Toastmasters International's Golden Gavel winner.

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